

Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for automatic recording, the method comprising the steps of:

registering at least one scheduler to give said scheduler permission to make scheduled recordings on behalf of a recipient;

receiving a request, from said at least one scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for said recipient; and

issuing a command to record the program for the recipient if the recipient has authorized the scheduler to schedule recordings on behalf of the recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining if the scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of determining if a scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient further comprises the step of determining if the scheduler matches an entry in a list of registered schedulers.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of determining if

the scheduler matches an entry in said list of registered schedulers further comprises the step of determining if a scheduler identification matches one of a plurality of identifications in the list of registered schedulers.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of determining if the scheduler matches an entry in said list of registered schedulers further comprises the step of determining if a scheduler personalized television recorder identification matches one of a plurality of identifications in the list of registered schedulers.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

registering the recipient;

and

creating a buddy list for the recipient, the buddy list comprising at least one entry, each entry determining a person allowed to schedule recordings on a personalized television recorder owned by the recipient.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the steps of receiving, determining, and issuing are performed by a service provider.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of accepting a monetary amount, and wherein the step of issuing further comprises the step of issuing a command to record the program for the recipient when the scheduler is

authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient and when the monetary amount meets a predetermined amount.

9. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the steps of receiving, determining, and issuing are performed by a personalized television recorder.

10. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein:

the step of determining if a scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient further comprises the step of determining if the recipient matches an entry in a buddy list, wherein each entry in the buddy list has paid to be on the list; and

the step of issuing a command to record the program for the recipient when the scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient further comprises the step of issuing a command, by a service provider, to a scheduler personalized television recorder to allow a recipient personalized television recorder to retrieve a recorded program from the scheduler personalized television recorder when the recipient matches an entry in the buddy list.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of the recipient personalized television recorder retrieving the recorded program from the scheduler personalized television recorder.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of the scheduler

personalized television recorder transmitting the recorded program to the recipient personalized television recorder.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of informing one or more of the scheduler and the recipient that the command has been issued.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of informing one or more of the scheduler and the recipient in response to the scheduler not being authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving the issued command;
determining if a conflict exists between the command and a previously entered recording request; and
rejecting the command when a conflict exists.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving the issued command;
determining if a conflict exists between the command and a program being watched; and
rejecting the command in response to an existing conflict.

17. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a memory that stores computer-readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the processor configured to implement the computer-readable code, the computer-readable code configured to:

receive a request, from a scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient; and

issue a command to record the program for the recipient if the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices.

18. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer-readable medium having computer-readable code means embodied thereon, said computer-readable ~~program-code~~ means comprising:

a step to receive a request, from a scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient; and

issue a command to record the program for the recipient if the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices.

19. (Previously Presented) A system for person-to-person scheduling and notification of automatic program recording for personalized television, the system comprising:

means for receiving a request, from a scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient; and

means for issuing a command to record the program for the recipient if the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording, wherein the scheduler is a first person operating a first personalized television device and the recipient is a second person operating a second personalized television device.

20. (Previously Presented) A method performed on a recorder capable of recording programs, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an instruction from a scheduler to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices; and

recording the program if the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein:

the step of receiving an instruction from the registered scheduler to schedule a recording of a program for the recipient further comprises the steps of:

the scheduler requesting the recording of the program; and

determining if the scheduler is authorized to schedule the recording for the recipient; and

the step of recording the program further comprises the step of recording the program when the scheduler is authorized to schedule the recording for the recipient.

22. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

- a memory that stores computer-readable code; and
- a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the processor configured to implement the computer-readable code, the computer-readable code configured to:
 - receive an instruction from a scheduler to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices; and
 - record the program if the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording.

23. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

- a scheduler selecting a program for a recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices;
- forming an instruction suitable to allow recording of the program if the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording; and
- transmitting the instruction.